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OH THAT MY GRIEF WERE THOROUGHLY WEIGHED... FOR NOW IT WOULD BE HEAVIER THAN THE SAND OF THE SEA

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SCRIPTURE READING:

JOB 2:11-13, JOB 3:1-6, JOB 4:8-9, JOB 6:1-5,

JOB 8:1-4, JOB 9:1-4, JOB 11:1-5

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1. BACKGROUND

- a. Please refer to the December 5, 2021 Evening Message for the Background.

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. As we study the **Book of Job** today, I believe it is necessary that we set the context.
- b. As we recall in chapter one there was a conversation between the Lord and Satan.
- c. The conversation ensued concerning Job. **Job 1:8, And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?**
- d. Job's relationship with God was intact.
- e. Satan answers in **Job 1:9-10, Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? 10: Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.**
- f. Apparently, Satan had been trying to get through to Job but to no avail.
- g. Satan says to the Lord, **Job 1:11, But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.**
- h. The Lord gives Satan permission to do that but with some restrictions.
- i. **Job 1:12, And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.**
- j. With that setting we will find out that Satan starts his vicious attacks upon Job.
- k. I believe these attacks will fall into several categories.
 1. Satan strips Job of all his material possessions.
 - a. Man does have basic physical and spiritual needs.
 - b. Job went from prosperity to poverty.
 2. God permits Satan to take away Job's loved ones. Many times, we depend on our family. God ordained the family. **Genesis 1:27, So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. Genesis 1:28, And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. 1 Timothy 5:8, But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.**

3. Job was stripped of his health. Most of us never miss our health until it is gone. We are so desperate with respect to healing of the body until some believers want to make healing of the body part of the atonement. This can never be, because if it was, everyone that prays for healing must receive it. Our salvation is certainly in the atonement because scripture tells us that everyone that calleth upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. This believing is from the heart and not the head.
4. Satan attacks Job's love for his wife and companion and she temporarily turns her back on him. **Job 2:9-10, Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die. 10: But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.** God instituted marriage and when we have it right, we can trust our partner as our very best friend. We can also be assured that God is faithful just as Job discovered while he maintained his integrity.
5. Those around Job came to help him. Satan sent three of his friends and they discouraged him. Misery loves company. Finally, God sends Elihu, who was in some ways very helpful to Job prior to his encounter with Jehovah.
6. Job lost his sense of self-esteem. Sometimes people have very low self-concept or self-worth.
7. When we lose our self-worth, we begin to question the justice of God. People can become very cynical and critical of things. Negativity becomes the order of the day.
8. Job temporarily loses his sense of love for God. He forgets that there is a mediator between God and man. **1 Timothy 2:5, For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;**
9. You might question that when you look at **Job 1:21, And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.**
10. Also in **Job 6:4, For the arrows of the Almighty are within me, the poison whereof drinketh up my spirit: the terrors of God do set themselves in array against me.**
11. Later, he talks about the daysman. **Job 9:33, Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both.**
 - l. There were three rounds of speeches between Job and his friends.
 - m. With that in mind, Job's friends had been sitting with him for about seven days and analyzing him and not a word was spoken. Finally, Job explodes which is where this message begins.
 - n. The conversation is between Job and God and there are some very unique questions that are being asked of this man and we want to listen to these questions.
 - o. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are all one and is referred to as Jehovah in the Preserved Word of God. **1 John 5:7, For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.**
 - p. With that Introduction let's see what we can glean from God's Word today.

3. EIGHT POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

- a. Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him.
 1. **Job 2:11, Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him.**
 2. Let's analyze these three friends and where they came from.
 3. According to **Genesis 36:10-11, These are the names of Esau's sons; Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Bashemath the wife of Esau. 11: And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz.** Eliphaz was a Temanite, Teman was the grandson of Esau, Bildad was a Shuhite, and Shuah was a son of Abraham according to **Genesis 25:2, And she bare him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah.** Zophar was a Naamathite, and Naaman was in the Northern Arabian country.
 4. As we will discuss in the Background, the aforementioned facts lead us to believe that the **Book of Job** takes place during the patriarch period where people had extremely long lives.
 5. These three friends of Job come to analyze his situation and to mourn and comfort him.
 6. There is a difficult problem that also exists today; **We have so many people explaining why certain things happen to other folks, and they have no knowledge of what God's will is for that**

person's life. **Job 42:3** speaks to that issue. **Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.**

7. We must be careful to not go beyond Scripture and pretend we know something about God that we don't.
8. Notice that they made an appointment together to come to mourn and comfort him. **Luke 6:39, And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?**

b. And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not.

1. **Job 2:12-13, And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven. 13: So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that his grief was very great.**
2. These friends did not recognize Job in his current state.
3. They did not realize that the situation was as bad as it was.
4. The last time they had encountered Job was when he had a home, family, and wealth in abundance. However, the situation is now different.
5. They were apparently startled because **"they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven."**
6. **"they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that his grief was very great."** – They were so startled to find Job in this condition that no one spoke for seven days.
7. This must have been quite an ordeal. You can read their body language as they sit there with Job.
8. Finally Job decides that he will respond.
9. Job's response is a shock.

c. After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day.

1. **Job 3:1-6, After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day. 2: And Job spake, and said, 3: Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived. 4: Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it. 5: Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it. 6: As for that night, let darkness seize upon it; let it not be joined unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months.**
2. Job wished that he had not been born and had died in the womb of his mother. **Job 3:11, Why died I not from the womb? why did I not give up the ghost when I came out of the belly?**
3. Job had forgotten that God was with him through his time of prosperity.
4. Job is now experiencing valley time. He wished he had never been born and he wished he had died at birth. He is a very miserable man. We must remember God says all things work together for the good. **Romans 8:28, And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Rejoice evermore. 17: Pray without ceasing. 18: In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.**
5. Not a word was spoken for seven days and seven nights.
6. After Job's response Eliphaz begins to speak.

d. Even as I have seen.

1. **Job 4:8-9, Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same. 9: By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed.**
2. This is the first friend of Job to speak and he speaks from a **voice of experience**. **"Even as I have seen."**
3. He relates to Job some strange and mysterious experiences but he missed the mark in all of it.
4. He forgot that he was not the mediator between God and man. **1 Timothy 2:5, For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;**
5. This man is like many today. They want to speak for God without hearing from God.

6. The only way we can speak for God is we must share the Preserved Word of God. None of us have any right to go on the basis of our experience; we should go on the basis of what God desires and what the will of God is outline in His Preserved Word.
 7. This man relates some things to Job that are not true about Job's present condition.
 8. That vision caused him to give some strange information. **Job 4:12-16, Now a thing was secretly brought to me, and mine ear received a little thereof. 13: In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men, 14: Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake. 15: Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up: 16: It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image was before mine eyes, there was silence, and I heard a voice, saying,**
 9. Although it has no application to Job, **verse 17** expresses a profound truth. **Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker?**
 10. There are many today who want to tell us that they received extra-revelation from God, apart from the Preserved Word of God. **1 Corinthians 13:10, But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.**
 11. **The mind of God is revealed through the Preserved Word of God.**
 12. One of the things we find that Elihu tells us later on is that God's ways are far above our ways.
- e. Oh that my grief were thoroughly weighed... For now it would be heavier than the sand of the sea:**
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 2. Although Eliphaz missed the point in its entirety, he has not indicated anything that will help Job.
 3. As a matter of fact when Job analyzes his current situation he, himself does not understand the extent of his situation.
 4. In application to the church: **When we are hurting or in the valley, it is only the Lord Jesus Christ that is able to answer our problems.** We must take our cares and cast them upon Him because He careth for us. **1 Peter 5:7, Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.**
- f. How long wilt thou speak these things?**
1. **Job 8:1-4, Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said, 2: How long wilt thou speak these things? and how long shall the words of thy mouth be like a strong wind? 3: Doth God pervert judgment? or doth the Almighty pervert justice? 4: If thy children have sinned against him, and he have cast them away for their transgression;**
 2. Bildad now attacks Job because he is **a man who rests upon the past. "of the former age"**
 3. Notice **Job 8:8, For inquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the search of their fathers:**
 4. He is depending on **former things** and could be classed as a traditionalist.
 5. This falls into the same category of those who would have us to believe that man is a creature of evolution.
 6. God indicates that man was formed from the dust of the ground. **Genesis 2:7, And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.**
 7. **Bildad uses the argument; "When I was young we did it this way..."**
 8. God's Word tells us not to base things on the tradition of our father's. **1 Peter 1:18, Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; Colossians 2:8, Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. Mark 7:13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.**
 9. Bildad was supposed to be a friend of Job but he hits him below the belt. **how long shall the words of thy mouth be like a strong wind?**
 10. What a friend this must have been.
 11. He certainly did not help Job. He tells Job that he is getting exactly what is coming to him.

12. Job's children had been destroyed and this man is telling Job the reason why. **"If thy children have sinned against him, and he have cast them away for their transgression;"**
13. None of us have any right to put ourselves in the place of God. We do not know why certain things happen to certain people. **It is about time for us to know that we cannot go beyond Scripture in order to prove a point.** **Proverbs 21:2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.**

g. Then Job answered and said.

1. **Job 9:1-4, Then Job answered and said, 2: I know it is so of a truth: but how should man be just with God? 3: If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand. 4: He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered?**
2. Bildad had some truth in what he was trying to illustrate but it was not helping Job at all, it did not speak to the problem.
3. Job is looking for the mediator; the man Christ Jesus.
4. **Job 9:33, Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both. 1 Timothy 2:5, For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;**
5. Job is looking for an answer from God and not this man who thinks he has answers.
6. On the basis of his tradition, he thought he had an answer for Job.
7. Job knew that in his flesh dwelleth no good thing. **Romans 7:18, For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.**
8. He knew that there was some truth in what this man was saying but it did not apply to him.

h. Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,

1. **Job 11:1-5, Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said, 2: Should not the multitude of words be answered? and should a man full of talk be justified? 3: Should thy lies make men hold their peace? and when thou mockest, shall no man make thee ashamed? 4: For thou hast said, My doctrine is pure, and I am clean in thine eyes. 5: But oh that God would speak, and open his lips against thee;**
2. Zophar is another person who has all of the so-called answers.
3. **He is the voice of legalism.** My doctrine is pure, and I am clean in thine eyes.
4. He is bound up with laws that are placed on the books and is speaking from man's doctrinal point of view.
5. This is not something that will help Job.
6. Job is not covering his sin with his words; he is making it clear that in his suffering he does not understand God.
7. Zophar simply ignores the fact that Job is talking back and is seeking something that will not only solve his problems but so that he can get out of the valley.
8. He goes on to say **"Should not the multitude of words be answered? and should a man full of talk be justified? 3: Should thy lies make men hold their peace?"** Notice that he is accusing Job of lying.
9. **"and when thou mockest, shall no man make thee ashamed?"** – This man speaks to Job about pure doctrine and he is clean in his own eyes. **Proverbs 16:2, All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits.**
10. This is so true but does not speak to the condition that Job was in.
11. These men claim to be speaking for God; however they are not. **Job 42:7 And it was so, that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath.**

4. CONCLUSION

- a. Do you know the Saviour my friend?
- b. If you do not know Him as your personal Saviour you need to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ today.
- c. You can do none of this on your own, life is too complicated. We must accomplish God's will seeking Divine guidance from His Preserved Word.

- d. The Word of God was written by holy men of God. **2 Peter 1:21**, *For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*
- e. We are not to subtract or add to it. **Deuteronomy 4:2**, *Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.*
- f. **Romans 3:23**, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
- g. **Romans 3:10**, *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*
- h. **Romans 10:9-10**, *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*
- i. **2 Peter 1:4**, *Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. John 10:27-29*, *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29: My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. 2 Timothy 1:12*, *For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. Romans 8:38-39*, *For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39: Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. 1 John 5:13*, *These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*

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